

WITH ONE CRY – LESSON 1

Lesson 1: Praying with Hope

Is there hope for our nation? Sometimes there is much uncertainty and people look to government officials to solve our issues rather than to God. To pray with faith requires a repentant Church hoping for the kind of transformational change that can only come through the power of God. Regardless of the circumstances in our nation today, the Bible teaches us to pray with great hope.

In this lesson you will:

- examine the reality and scope of the current situation in our nation.
- study the scriptures which speak of hope for any nation.
- build your own hope for our future as a nation.

Reading:

- With One Cry – Chapter 1: Is there Hope for America?
- Lamentations 3:19-29

Watch Video for Lesson 1

Discussion Questions:

1. As you begin this study, do you feel like you have hope for the United States? If your answer is “yes” what is your personal hope for America? If your answer is “no” explain your reasons for feeling this way.
2. What would it look like if your hope for our nation was fulfilled?

3. How would you convince someone (maybe even yourself) who has lost hope for our nation to pray?
4. What are biblical examples of times God has shown mercy to a nation or to a people that gives you hope that He may be willing to show mercy to our nation?
5. Do you believe God is waiting for our prayers before acting on our behalf? Why or why not?
6. What role do you feel the corporate repentance of the Church has in the future of our nation?

Spend Time in Prayer

Dave ended Lesson 1 with this powerful statement: "Prisoners of hope (Zechariah 9:12) never quit praying until the Lord accomplishes His purposes or until He silences their prayers. God is calling us today to have hope...to pray!" Here are some prayer points to utilize:

- Pray that God would pour out hope upon you individually and on your church corporately as you begin to pray more urgently for our nation.
- Ask God to step in and change our nation in ways that can only be attributed to His activity in response to the prayers of His people!
- Use Dave's prayer point in your prayer time: "Ask the Lord to renew your hope regarding the future of the United States. Pray for a fresh vision of what can happen in this nation as we submit ourselves to the lordship of Christ."

Next Steps:

- Spend time this week praying for America with great hope. Use the PDF of Prayers and Proclamations of Hope that is located in

the Supplemental Materials section for Lesson 1. Share these Scriptures with others and give hope to those who seem to have lost their hope this week.